

Northwest / Southeast LRT MOS

Dallas, Texas

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Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is constructing a 21-mile, two-segment extension of its light rail transit (LRT) system. The Southeast (SE) segment extends 10.1 miles from the Dallas central business district (CBD) to Buckner Boulevard. The Northwest (NW) segment extends 10.9 miles from the existing Victory Station to the City of Farmers Branch. A locally funded extension of the NW line from Farmers Branch to Frankford Road in Carrollton is also being advanced by DART. The NW and SE LRT alignments would be connected through the existing four-station CBD Transitway Mall. Each segment would operate in an exclusive right-of-way, with no mixed traffic operations. The project includes construction of 16 stations, approximately 2,700 parking spaces, 18 super light rail vehicles (LRV), approximately 38 “C” car retrofits, and a rail operating facility. The project is expected to serve 45,900 average weekday boardings in 2025.

The total project cost under the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is \$1,406.22 million. The Section 5309 New Starts funding share is \$700.00 million.

Status

DART completed major investment studies on the SE and NW Corridors in January 2000 and February 2000, respectively. FTA approved the combined NW/SE LRT minimum operable segment (MOS) into preliminary engineering in July 2001. DART completed separate Final Environmental Impact Statements for each project in October 2003 (including the locally funded NW segment extension). FTA issued Records of Decisions completing the environmental review process for both corridors in February 2004. FTA approved the NW/SE LRT MOS project into final design in June 2005. FTA and DART entered into an FFGA in July 2006, with a revenue operations date of June 2011. The project opened for revenue operations six months early in December 2010.

SAFETEA-LU Section 3043(b)(5) authorized the Northwest-Southeast LRT for final design and construction. A total of \$453.11 million in Section 5309 funds has been appropriated for the project. This includes \$356.94 million in Congressional appropriations received through FY 2010, \$78.39 million in Capital Investment Grant (New Starts) funds provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and \$17.79 million in additional FY10 New Starts resources allocated by FTA.

| Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars | | |
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| <u>Source of Funds</u> | <u>Total Funding (\$million)</u> | <u>Appropriations to Date</u> |
| Federal: Section 5309 New Starts | \$700.00 | \$453.11 million in total appropriations for the project. This includes \$78.39 million in ARRA allocations in FY 2009 and \$17.79 million in additional FY10 New Starts resources allocated by FTA. |
| Local: Sales Tax Revenue | \$706.22 | |
| TOTAL | \$1,406.22 | |

NOTE: The sum of the figures may differ from the total as listed due to rounding.

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